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(54) **Intraocular lens and dye therefor**

(57) A yellow dye is capable of chemical bonding to a silicone which is a material of an intraocular lens or capable of copolymerizing with a radical polymerizable monomer which is a material of an intraocular lens. Such a dye is useful for providing lenses for eyes, having vis-

ible light transmission properties near to those of human crystalline lenses, and may be particularly effective for soft lenses for eyes.

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Dyes for intraocular lenses of formula 'I', silicone material containing said dye and intraocular lens comprising said silicon material.

2. Claims: 1-7(in part)

Dyes for intraocular lenses of formula 'II', silicone material containing said dye and intraocular lens comprising said silicon material.

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